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1. In August 1949, approximately 50 young men from Udorn and vicinity were enrolled in the Viet Minh Army in Thailand. Approximately 30 of the recruits went to Kengtung to receive training, and the other 20 men went to Laos for the same purpose.
2. The Viet Minh camp in Kengtung to which the new recruits were sent had a strength of about 200 troops. The Viet Minh camp in Laos is near the city of Savannakhet. The families of the men sent to Kengtung occasionally received mail from them; however, no word was received from the recruits in Laos. The Viet Minh often sent can-bos to visit and present gifts to the parents of the new soldiers.
3. For the most part, new Viet Minh recruits are unemployed young men, or those wishing to forget affairs of the heart. The employed youth is not enthusiastic about enrolling in the Viet Minh Army.

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